

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This purpose of this bill is to provide funding for optional full-day kindergarten, providing local districts and charter schools with more flexibility to pay for optional full-day kindergarten without relying on student tuition and supplemental levies. Disparity in kindergarten funding has led to a statewide patchwork of full-day kindergarten opportunities. This bill would offer parity statewide so if school districts and families decide that optional full-day kindergarten is appropriate for their children, funding would not be a barrier to their choice in education.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this legislation to the general fund is anticipated to not exceed \$42.1 million in FY 2022 and will be ongoing. This impact may be reduced based on participation rates. As some school districts are currently paying for full-day kindergarten through supplemental levies, this legislation will reduce reliance on property taxes for these programs.

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